

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A magnetic tape comprising:
a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another and intermediate said connections defining a plurality of pockets; and
a plurality of magnets each being housed within respective of the pockets to permit movement of the magnets therein.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of ~~as defined in claim 1~~, wherein the pair of flexible strips are directly bonded to one another.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of ~~as defined in claim 2~~, wherein the pair of flexible strips are welded to one another.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of ~~as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1~~, wherein the flexible strips are constructed of a polymeric and substantially impervious material.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of ~~as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1~~, wherein the magnets are each disc-shaped.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of ~~as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1~~, wherein the magnets are rare earth magnets.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of ~~as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1~~, wherein the magnets are spaced ~~space~~ longitudinally along the strips in one or more rows.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape ~~of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1~~, wherein each of the magnets within the tape is oriented such that the polarity of the magnets is uniform relative to respective of the pair of flexible strips.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The A magnet tape ~~of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1~~, comprising at least one means for carrying an article.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A method of fabricating a magnetic tape, said method comprising the steps of:

locating a plurality of magnets in spaced apart relationship between a pair of flexible strips;

connecting the pair of flexible strips in a face to face relationship with one another wherein a plurality of pockets are formed intermediate said connections, each of the magnets being housed within respective of the pockets which permit movement of the magnets therein.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The A method ~~of as defined in claim 10~~, wherein the magnets are sequentially located between the pair of strips which are then connected to one another.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The A method ~~of as defined in claim 10~~, wherein the magnets are in a series of batches located between the pair of strips which are then continuously connected to one another.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The A method ~~of as defined in any one of claims 10, to 12~~ wherein the steps of connecting the pair of strips involve ~~involves~~ welding the strips to one another.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The A method ~~as defined in any one of claims 10, to 13~~ being including a continuous or semi-continuous process for ~~the~~ production of a continuous length of the magnetic tape.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A packaging arrangement for a plurality of magnets, said arrangement comprising:

a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another and intermediate said connections defining a plurality of pockets; and

a plurality of magnets each being housed within respective of the pockets to permit movement of the magnets therein.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The A packaging arrangement of Claim 15, wherein the flexible strips are portions in the form of a magnetic tape, ~~as defined in any one of claims 2 to 8.~~

Claim 17 (currently amended): The A packaging arrangement of Claim 15, as defined in either of claims 15 or 16 wherein an the interior of the pockets is coated with a substance that reduces rusting of the magnets.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The A packaging arrangement as defined in either of claims 15, or 16 wherein the pockets are charged with a substance that reduces rusting of the magnets.